



YOU'VE GOT THIS!

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CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD
ALL THINGS BECOME NEW.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Mission Statement: Write the vision that they may run that read it! To see people suffering from addiction and or mental health go further in their reason for coming into recovery; to discover their God-given purpose. To discover why his or her own higher power allowed them to survive. Who will stand for the right things in his or her home and community, to find creative and intuitive ways to walk humbly live in the world, where we must share in harmony; with our God, selves, and with one another, In our addiction we learned the behavior of getting over and using people which at its root is pride. The Bible says: pride goes before a fall. But the Lord gives grace unto the humble. The absolute thing needed to shake that ugly addiction is grace. The ease to walk down the street and feel like Superman when passing our old dealers. The plan is to tap into our God-given resources from within and discover the great treasures that are within us, for which reason our lives have been spared. What I've discovered is, that most of the time people don't want to live, because they don't have a good reason to live so we go on to the bitter end: For the Christian, the option of remembering the Lord's supper would be an option. This would be a good way to remember just how powerless we are, in and of ourselves. And a

good way to come to our senses. In our using drugs and people, we blindly wandered around as if it was for free us doing the things we were doing, but if you are like me, eye have come to an understanding of knowing just how much my freedom cost. Who knows in such an atmosphere the Holy Spirit might speak, move and or heal, however, the objective is to serve selflessly and learn it is better to give than to receive. Please don't underestimate this simple yet powerful approach to freedom, and ways to maximize our recovery. N/a, A/A Smart, etc. Helps us get free from drugs. Only God can do certain things like, give purpose and a sense of well-being back to dual-diagnosed people, where we are not comparing our worth to whether or not we have as much or if we have less than our fellow man. This is all our sacrifice (as unto the Lord) to get the complete grace needed, to live our lives outside without addiction continuing to bully God's children. This would be an example of how we plan to live our lives day by day unto the Lord until he returns. Just enjoying the favor of God as we learn several freeing techniques in a group collectively will be empowering in our lives within our homes and community. Tyler I Mitchell.

This project is dedicated to anyone who may be caught up in a lifestyle of addiction, and looking for a way out. My story is about freedom through Jesus Christ. My addiction surfaced at the age of 7, or 8. It began with food television and isolation. Eye was a content kid just so long as there was food in the house, and eye was left alone or with my sister Rita, (my second mom.) My mom would say "Boy you eat like you got a tapeworm." eye was at peace with food and television and left alone. Eye was a change of life baby. Last child momma had as she would say. Eye was bullied as a kid, due to "being abnormal," although eye didn't know at the time; that anything was wrong with me. A kid barricading himself in the house from the rest of the world. What do you do when the thing that is causing you to be looked at as abnormal is the thing you use to cope with being abnormal? (Overeating, staying to myself, and watching television,) Go deeper into hiding? Why doesn't he have any friends, or why does he always stay cooped up in the house? Make him go outside to get some fresh air. My aunties would say

to my mom. My mom always did what she could to keep me from feeling odd or different from any of the other children. (God rest her soul) She went home to be with the Lord this past March 7th/2019. “ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.” (Romans 8:9 New International Version (NIV) There is a great deal of spiritual warfare in drug addiction. We are dealing with strong-holds and soul-ties. People who have been living out in the streets and have been involved in all kinds of darkness. The Bible says: “ Hereby, know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ comes in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ comes in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” (1 John King James Version) Even believers have great opposition when dealing with the demonic. Eye am reminded of Daniel in the Bible when he was in prayer and waiting before God for twenty-one days. Daniel’s Vision of a Man. In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true, and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision. At that time eye Daniel mourned for three weeks. Eye ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and eye used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over. On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as eye was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, eye looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. (Daniel 10:06) Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed, he said. “ Peace! Be strong now; be strong. When he spoke to me, eye was strengthened and said, Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength. Daniel 10:18-19 New International Version Again, another example some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord

Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, eye command you to come out. Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus eye know, and Paul eye know about, but who are you? Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.(Acts 19:13-16 New International Version) So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, Will you give me a drink? (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, You are a Jew and eye am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink? (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. Sir, the woman said, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock? Jesus answered, Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water eye give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water eye give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman said to him, Sir, give me this water so that eye won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water. He told her, Go, call your husband and come back. Eye have no husband, she replied. Jesus said to her, You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true. Sir," the woman said, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem. Woman, Jesus replied, believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what

we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and truth. The woman said, "ye know that Messiah" (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us. hen Jesus declared, "ye, the one speaking to you—ye am he. The Disciples Rejoin Jesus. Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want? or Why are you talking with her? Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah? John 4:5-29 New International Version He was concerned with this woman. The Bible says in John 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria One encounter with Jesus, will radically change your life. The opportunity for a life-changing experience was upon her. She would no longer see herself as an adulterous woman. She was offered a life-changing experience that upon receiving would empower her to go back and clean house! The fact of the matter is our God specializes in freeing people. Deliverance from drugs is small potatoes for our God. What we need from God to overcome addiction and find strength, is grace. Which comes from humility, the bible says But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. James 4:6 The bible says The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (Jeremiah 17:9) He's the only one with the keys to our freedom which if we were to ask, he will gladly give. He is the only one who knows at what point, and the reason you and eye turned to drugs for our way of escape. He knows the intricate details of every man's heart. and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were

fastened on him. He began by saying to them, today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

Luke 4:17-21 The life we have been given through Christ involves a life that is so freeing, it will have you forgetting about what got you to the well. Running back telling everyone you know, Come see a man who told me everything eye have ever done." Could this be the Christ? What God offers through Jesus Christ is rest. No longer is there the fear of relapse it's over when we become believers. It's over when we receive Christ Jesus. Someone may ask, is it possible to relapse? The answer is no, however, it is possible for one to still use drugs. If so, we are not required to start over; you repent ask for forgiveness, and keep it moving. Through our worship of him, we receive supernatural strength. There's rejoicing, singing, and dancing. Only this time, we will understand why our parents and older family members acted so radical in their praising God. At least eye do. Nobody knows the

whole story as to what the Lord has done for me. Why is it that more people don't believe? So that, He told them, The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be Forgiven! then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable He told them, Them. (Mark 4:11-13) What empowered Jesus was he knew who he was, and he knew what the Father was able to do. What he was able to do; and he stayed committed to his assignment. His gaze was fixed upward. In my walk with the Lord, I've discovered the more my gaze is on God, the more settled eye become. The Bible says the spirit gives life. But when eye am focused on, and coming out of the law; the bible says the law kills. It brings about all kinds of mental, spiritual, physical and financial upheavals.

But those of us who were baptized are now considered to be dead unto ourselves and the lives we now live we live unto Christ. Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17 King James Version). So, in Christianity, we shift our focus, from what drove us there (to draw water from the

well) to believing in the name of Jesus. Think about if that woman would have said you don't have anything to draw with, and eye sense that you are up to something else, eye am out of here! No, she heard him out. Too many times we leave without giving God a fair shot at fixing the problems. We give up on God because we didn't get free from drugs or from whatever else drove us to the church. It's because we go through all the formalities, we get the filling, we get water baptized. We wait for a minute to see if anything is going to happen and we determine it didn't work. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you John 15:16 New International Version) Did you ask him why, why did you call me into the body of Christ Lord? (I will share with you all the purpose he called me unto himself, in the end.) Doesn't matter if Eye still smoke crack or not, drug addiction or any other problem, that drove us there becomes so small and minor in comparison to the encounter and his spirit that is now active in our hearts. The Bible says. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5 New International Version I'm telling you, what God has to offer us is rewarding. Without the ability to contain the possibilities of the good that could happen! Have you ever heard the saying Eye knew you when? It means the person who is saying it is reminding you of when you were not who you claim to be today. It is spoken by the person who normally doesn't make it out of the ghetto; to the college student who visits home on break. Then finds them doing the same thing they were doing when they left for college. Well, in a sense this is what God is saying to us eye knew you when. He calls us from our miserable state of living unto the body of Christ. He reminds us of the dreams he illuminated in our hearts when we were children. As we are in the process of discovering what it means to be a Christian, we will, all of a sudden, sense this stirring up of the things we thought we were making up as children. Or we will be reminded of the things we used to daydream about, you know, throughout our newfound walk with the Lord. These dreams will become more vivid as time progresses. We learn

faithfulness through whatever church we are plugged into. It can almost be scary, not demonic scary, but dare eye dream kind of scary. Dare eye open my mouth and share with my mentors in the lord, eye had a desire to go to college as a little boy and, eye can feel the desire returning. It is both exciting and again scary. As someone may be at work, just as content and grateful for that little janitorial job as can be, it will be as though a dove has flown over your head and stirred up an old dream of yours to own your own business; and fly's way. That's how pure and innocent it would feel. You will feel a wave of energy coming over you. To the point where you can't stop dreaming, one thought will give birth to another thought until it will suddenly dawn on you, these are notes from your former life, before drugs. Certainly, it can't be, eye scrapped those notes when eye started using. You scrapped something that wasn't yours to throw away. He made you for his purpose and pleasure. And he hasn't given up on his purpose for saving you. He knew you when. That's why he saved you. Was to restore unto you the identity he gave you before you started using, (the ministry of reconciliation.) Man looks at the outer, God looks at the heart. Have you ever heard the story of how King David came to be known in Israel? Now Jesse said to his son David, Take this ephah[a] of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines. Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up, and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines, and asked his brothers how they were. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. 1 Samuel 17:17-23 New International Version Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear. Now the Israelites had been saying, Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy

Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel. (1 Samuel 17:24-27 New International Version) David asked the men standing near him, What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, this is what will be done for the man who kills him. When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? Eye know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle. Now what have eye done?" said David. "Can't eye even speak? He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.1 Samuel 17:28- 30 New International Version Long story short, David's rise as the mighty man of battle; originated from being a shepherd of sheep and an errand boy. He had someone watch the sheep he was instructed to watch over by his father to go down to deliver lunch. David was known as being a man after God's own heart. He loved God. And so, through his love for God. And being a good shepherd, and given to the office of service, catapulted him into his God-given Destiny. This was the same David who was anointed to be king, by Samuel. Eye wonder how many times he ran his brothers their lunch before God in his timing decided to let it be known. How many times had the king run his brother their lunch,masquerading around in the clothes of a shepherd and an Arran boy? How many times had his brothers downplayed his service, received their lunch, and sent him on his way, as though he wasn't even of the same stock as they considered themselves to be? Of Mighty Men. David was in camouflage until the set time when God ordained for him to come up out of those shepherd clothes. For God to clothe him in his priestly attire, as king of Israel. Even Saul didn't know exactly the effect of what he was doing when he was trying to dress him for the battle. The battle that thrust David into his kingdom's position. Of a surety, Saul would have rejected him if he had caught wind of the plans

God had for David. As Saul tries to dress David for the battle. Everything in David screamed NO! This isn't going to work; good thing David didn't listen to Saul and listened to his body. Remember in the book of Genesis when God was instructing Adam and Eve what trees they were not to eat from? But God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die. You will not certainly die, the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. (Genesis 3:3-6 New International Version) Before this conversation, God had already said he was creating man to be like himself, they did take and did eat, and their eyes were opened. And they knew they were naked. What they did was something a lot of us do today when we make mistakes and disobey God, they covered their nakedness. They hid. This is a large part of why we use drugs, to cover up our nakedness from God. From ourselves and others. We can't deal with what we see when we look in the mirror. Sometimes this is used as a metaphor, and sometimes we use coverings because we have problems with how we see ourselves. Beloved, these are the words of the devil, telling us we are ugly, and no one would or should love us. Why would anyone love me? The bible says: But though we or an angel of heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. Eye don't care if it is an abusive negligent parent echoing in your ear, from your childhood. Or the words of your abuser, which may still be ringing in your ear, as though the abuse happened just yesterday. It is a lie. Let God be true, and every man is a lie. If anything is ringing in your ear or has been a part of you; for so long. It's like you hear it as plain and as usual as if you hear your bladder telling you when it is time to use the restroom. If you can't find it in the bible about you It is a lie! The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10 New International Version You are running in the wrong direction. This is the work

of the devil trying to disconnect you from God, to isolate you and destroy you. His goal is to divide and conquer. He hates us because we are made in the image of God. God wants to be the one who forgives our mistakes and heals our wounds. Only our God will wrap his loving arms around us. Only our God accepts what man rejects. We who are believers have compromised our standard of living; we are priests and kings unto the lord. Before you were anything you were who God created you to be. He told Jeremiah. Before eye formed you, in the womb eye knew you. Before you were born, eye set you apart; eye appointed you as a prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5 New International Version) A quick testimony God has supernaturally healed me from a painful disease called neuropathy. Well, one day eye was talking to my insurance company and eye was trying to get free cab services for my outpatient treatment. They asked me, why did eye need cab rides? Why couldn't eye ride the bus? So, eye told them eye had neuropathy, and they said okay and signed off on it, not too many days after the pain returned to my feet. So, eye am confused. Like wait a minute, eye know God healed me, and time goes on. For some reason, eye was out and about one day and my feet were hurting. Eye can't remember if they called me or if eye called them but eye was back on the phone with the insurance company, within less than a second. God quickened my spirit as to why my feet had begun hurting again. Because eye took the disease back when eye told them eye had something that eye no longer had. All for the sake of free cab rides. Before eye opened my mouth to answer the next question, eye became honest and told them eye no longer needed rides, eye was fine. Don't you know, as soon as eye stepped off that bus the pain was completely gone! This is the awesomeness of God; before eye could answer her, God had a conversation with me that in the real world would take several minutes to explain. Then several more to come to the point of deciding whether or not to get honest, all in between a second in time. This is a perfect example of the quickening of the spirit. We serve an awesome God. What God did by sending Jesus in the likeness of sinful man, was provided us a way out of the taskmaster of the law. Through us exercising faith in Christ we would escape the wrath of God

for sin, for God is a just God, and holy and must punish sin in man so by sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sin was actually; God punishing us for our sins, to legally bring sinful man into covenant relationship with himself. That through Jesus Christ and counting our faith in him as righteousness. And following Christ, laying down our old lives for the sake of Christ. We no longer live life after our old carnal desires. By which fast forward, the way was made for everyone held hostage by the spirit of addiction. We walked out free by swapping our old lives and taking it upon ourselves to live life for Christ. If you are a believer, you don't have to do it alone. God fills us with his spirit and the fruits of the spirit. We learn how to allow the spirit to take over, and what's important to God will become important to us. I'm telling you this is awesome news! If you can understand what you have gained through becoming a believer. Man, who would enjoy life in the way of a transgressor? You get tired of giving of yourself and getting nothing in return until you are left drained, and it seems like you are stuck. Stuck in a cycle of repeating these unhealthy habits religiously. You say you are going to stop, but every time the phone rings it becomes like second nature for you to say come on through. Knowing your body is tired, your mind is tired, yet for some reason, you can't turn people away when they seek you out. My friend, that is a soul tie, a stronghold. And through Christ, one encounter with Christ. Will set you free. The men of the bible were men of great discipline. Eye mean no disrespect when eye say this but, we are people with minds that have been severely altered due to drugs. What God offers today as a way to freedom from drug addiction is his grace. That through exercising faith in his son, Jesus Christ we escaped the requirement of law. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:29-30 New International Version) You know eye admit, for most of my walk with God eye was stuck living under the law. Trying to keep the commandments to please God, being a people pleaser, it was automatic for me to assume God was going to require me to keep the commandments. But that wasn't the case. Eye struggled for years with this and as long as eye struggled, eye stayed addicted to

drugs; but when eye took a close look at myself. Eye Became honest and admitted eye was unable to keep the law. Even when eye used after eye was saved it was different, eye didn't feel the guilt, condemnation, shame and self-loathing the following day. Eye woke up and realized eye had used. Eye then began reminding myself through the Holy Ghost eye was the newness of life. That eye had the spirit of adoption by faith in Christ Jesus eye am a new individual. A lot of the way we believe comes from our upbringing. Or how eye viewed at the time the way my family believed, on account of my family being more severe with my sins than they were with their own. Eye guess due to the danger associated with drug addiction they became hysterical in their approach to get me free from drugs, eye don't fault them at least they cared. But this approach they took did not work nor could it work. But when God revealed his grace to me eye became pliable. It was like, for me to hear my momma chastising me when eye am doing something wrong, God impressed upon my heart. Eye could hear my mom saying now boy look! That's not cute, impressing God, or pleasing to him. You acting all ashamed when you fall short or mess up like you are so distraught. That you fell short of God's grace, where you take all this time wallowing around in guilt and shame rather than getting on with your assignment God saved you for, it's not flattering to God when eye was trying to earn something he had already paid for. Instead, it is rather a slap in his face. Additionally, can lead to some major depression, nervous breakdowns, and all kinds of mental turmoil! Think about it, if someone gives you a gift and you turn around and tell them, you haven't given enough, listen, he knows what will satisfy the mercy seat. So just be grateful and dust yourself off and get back at it. If eye were to be honest, a lot of those times eye had every intention of falling back on the grace of God when eye was finished with the slip-up (SIN!) (Relapsing!) I'd wander off into sinful situations. Or sometimes deliberately went into sin, knowing full well what eye was doing was wrong. When eye say sin, I'm not speaking of the commandments eye am speaking of things eye knew were beneath the lifestyle of which eye have been called unto. The commandments that He has written on my heart. Blindly, unaware of the danger eye was surrounded by. Imagine

that, me, a priest unto the Lord, surrounded by snakes; (people whom eye got high with.) With all kinds of garbage. The garbage of the things eye have discarded, that eye thought eye was finished with. It reminds me of the scene in the movie Face Off; when they are in the battle of an intense exchange of gunfire, a child is there, and the mother puts a set of headphones on the kid and places a toy in front of him, and they go at it. Bullets flying, glass flying everywhere. Meanwhile, the kid is clueless as to the harm and danger he is surrounded by. And there eye am surrounded by snakes. When the battle is over, she goes and gets the kid, and he couldn't have been the wiser as to the danger he was around. Those were the circumstances eye had surrounded myself many times with, yet here eye am. That's why we cannot trust anything we come up with, thinking we can handle it, I'll be in and out, boom bang boom. Beloved you cannot trust not one plan you come up with that involves sin, thinking it's just you and your flesh acting up, and Satan's hand isn't anywhere involved in it. Nevertheless, here comes God, coming to get me out of another jam eye got myself into. Adam, Adam where art thou? He helps me up to my feet. Dusts me off and restores me to my sanity. It is only after it is all over eye see the harm I'd been exposed to. Paul writes in Philippians eye count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing eye do, forget those things which are behind me and reach forward to those things which are before me. To press toward the mark of the prize of God which is in Christ Jesus. Beloved, we've gotten things mixed up, thinking it's in back-peddling that retracing our steps leads to freedom. It's not like that in the kingdom. No one is going to be perfect. Repent, ask God for his forgiveness, and get right back in the fight! Beloved, not only for your sake is it important that you get in touch with the love of God in Christ Jesus, because souls are waiting for you. The Bible says, For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. (Romans 8:19 New International Version We need you, so please receive God's grace. Imagine you have a loaded earthly father and you are behind on your rent and your mate calls your dad and you are upset, saying eye old you eye had it covered. So, "just receive his grace. God knows we are but dust. The only person your behavior

may have shocked was you! The Bible declares For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12 New International Version)

After it tells us what the problem is (spiritual) it then tells us a for sure way to address it.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:13-17)

With the Holy Ghost abiding in the believer it's like the Holy Ghost will say hey buddy, You're trying to shake that spirit of addiction, right? This way out. Follow me No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 New International Version) So, the way that we knock down spirits of addiction like a bulldozer, is being in the newness of life in Christ Jesus.

YOU WIN! If you received Christ in your heart as Lord and Savior; that's right beloved, you can wave goodbye to drug addiction, mental Health sickness, and or being overtaken by demonic attacks. Either way, the reason why any of us have struggled with any of these issues is all the same. The devil is in the world today to destroy us, but we need not worry, God is for his children. Just at the breaking point, when eye thought eye couldn't take it any longer. Just as eye headed for the door he yelled Stop! Don't go! Man, listen there is a song out right now that catches me every time I hear it. By Cory Asbury: The Reckless Love of God. It for real takes me in every time I hear it. God proves himself to be faithful, one of my favorite passages of scripture is God knows how to deliver the righteous. Many illustrations in the Bible demonstrate what Satan is doing, and if he is active in any of our lives this is what his M/O is. To see us destroyed

to steal from us what has been given to us by God. Because God has equipped us as his agents upon the earth. We represent him. We stand for him, worship him praise him. We are the image of God, the workmanship of God's hand. What he did with you and me was created a show stopper! His greatest artistic design. When you have given your life to Christ, you have received the promise of God. You have been adopted into royalty. And whatever you are faced with, have been faced with in your past, or, going to be faced with in your future if you belong to Christ, and he belongs to you, you win! Beloved it is a fact that God is committed to finishing what he began in you, upon receiving Christ. You didn't see it, but God orchestrated the whole thing. Everything that happened, good or bad, was for this explosive moment. You come to the place in life when you have the opportunity to give your life to the Lord and you've taken him up on his offer. You have the spirit of God in your life transforming you into Son-ship. And if you have been faced with any of the struggles I've mentioned, Mental Health issues, demonic attacks, are drug addiction. I've heard it said, "One has to want this thing for themselves, not the kids, not for your lover, not for the return of the career. But for you. But my bible tells me, For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it (Mathew 16:25 New International Version.) My friend, we can find everything we need within the body of Christ that pertains to life and Godliness in Christ Jesus. Certainly, it is for the children of God to know complete and total freedom from drugs. We've got some wires crossed along the way. Jesus tells his disciples Be careful, Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (Mathew 16:6) This would be our modern-day; Judgmental Christians. Who may know the bible from cover to cover, but their hearts are far from him, these are they, who pay close attention to what one wears to church, the ones who will ask you, did you not have anything else to wear to church? It appears we have bought into a lie, as believers, a lie that Jesus has warned us about. At the end of the day, it's you're walk with God. Do you think I'm about to let someone's opinion about what eye have on keep me from what God has for me? Evidently eye didn't want it that bad. Man, listen, eye welcomed the idea of

losing my pride and life for Jesus. As sad and pitiful as the life eye was living was. We who have a history with drugs in our past, eye long to see the day when people will charge the saints getting clean from drugs saying how did you get this freedom because there is a glow upon your dang ole face bro!! It can make one envious and curious at the same time. There is more than just freedom from drugs that you have, there is something very peculiar going on with you. We have been adopted by God, us who receive Jesus Christ in our lives as Lord and Savior. Once upon a time, eye received a word from someone saying You have a spirit of an orphan on you That made me feel even lower than I already felt about myself. All good now though. The Bible says we have been given the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father. They should be asking us, what have eye got to do? Jesus said eye am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9 New International Version) The Bible says our spirits bear witness that we are the children of God. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him" (Romans 6:6-8 New International Version) Whatever led us to the church becomes secondary to the assignment of God. We entered covenant with God through faith in Jesus Christ. We turned in our lives to live life for Jesus Christ. By abandoning our lives, to live by faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, this means when eye stood at that altar and gave my life to Jesus Christ; eye swapped my life for his. This means Jesus began a work in us of changing us, transforming us into living epistles for himself. Love songs to the world that salvation is by Faith through Jesus Christ. Having been filled with the very spirit that raised Jesus from the dead we became endowed with power to become his witnesses. We become his eyes ears mouths hands and feet. Through the exchange, years of addiction fall off, whatever occupied your being before then, is hereafter evicted from the premises! So that whereas you once were in love with drugs; God, through the filling of his spirit drew you unto himself. Meaning, that old taskmaster, the

spirit of addiction; whom you once served. That dictated our every move. Who told us where we could go, what we could do? To be dead to sin is to be dead unto addiction. As long as a person is dead the addiction has no control over a person because addiction is committed in the flesh, the part of myself that died. It would be as though a corpse was smoking crack or doing heroin. The bible says Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17 New International Version) But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you (Romans 8:10-14 New International Version). All of us are sinners in words we speak in our actions and our thoughts, DAILY! The thing about it is he does expect a standard of excellence. Which none of us can meet without the Holy Ghost 2 My dear children, eye write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (John 2:1-6 New International Version) Then we have Paul's explanation for the peculiarities of living life within the flesh; So Paul gets honest and admits there's still some things going on in my flesh. Have you ever heard people say "Those Christians are so hypocritical? This might shine some light into their judgment, not that we owe them an explanation, our job is to keep our eyes on him and let him handle the critics.) But sin taking occasion by the commandment wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law, sin was dead. For eye was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and eye died. And the commandment which was ordained to life, eye found to be unto death for sin taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Was then that was made good death unto me? God forbid, but sin that it may appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding

sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but eye am carnal sold under sin. For that which eye do eye allow not: for what would, that do eye not; for what eye hate, that eye do. If then eye do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it but sin that dwelleth in me. For eye know that in me, (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing for to will is present with me; but how to perform that is good eye find not. For the good eye would that eye do not: for the evil which eye would not that eye do. Now if eye do that which eye would not it is no more eye that do it. Now if eye do that eye would not it is no more eye that do it but sin that dwelleth in me eye find then a law that when eye would do good, evil is also present with me for eye delight in the law after the inward man. But eye see another law in my members warring against the law in my mind and bringing me into captivity to the law that is in my members O wretched man that eye am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death? Eye thank God that through Jesus Christ our lord. So then with the mind, eye serve the law of God. But with the flesh the law of sin." (Romans 7:8-25 NIV) eye too had an encounter with Jesus, as eye was going about my carefree business one day. As the woman at the well; he stops me. He dealt with me about the reason why he allowed me to come this way, (the way of addiction that is) and didn't answer my mother's prayers. He saw that he would be able to get glory out of my rebellion. When it seemed to the naked eye; God had given up on me. That it was over. When it seemed God had changed his mind about me. Because it seemed I'd thrown in the towel and had given up on myself, a man who knows God, eye can hear outsiders saying. He has experience with the lord and goes and does something like that! Eye imagined they'd say. Eye was being equipped by God, to go back and infiltrate the kingdom of darkness. People don't just up and stop using drugs because there is an extremely addictive component to drugs. It is impossible to stop whenever one wants to in their own ability. And why didn't it work for me the other times I stopped? It wasn't time yet. "But, when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by his grace to reveal His son in me Galatians 1:15 King James Version) is when eye was finished. My question to you is for what reason has God

allowed you to go to the school of the “ holy ghost? What’s the purpose which he allowed you to escape, unscathed? Beloved, he never intended for that thing to consume you. So, when you have been given access to God himself. The bible says And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!” Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.”

(Matthew 27:50-55 New International Version NIV) Turn around and go back home; beloved eye want you to know today it is never too late to go back home. Home is where you first believed. Where God communed with you. It was when God communed with your parents about you. You see, God is faithful to you and not only to you, but he is in covenant with your parents about you. You may not remember, or perhaps you were too young to remember; they have been praying for you ever since you were brought home from the hospital. Walking around your crib prophesying praying in the spirit, pleading the blood of Jesus over your life. Pretty much writing the story that you would tell, mapping out the groundwork for you; a living epistle unto the Lord, saying she can't be a drunk, he can't be a drug dealer. They will do the work of the Lord. And although you may have taken a slight detour or pit stop, God did not forget. Or perhaps it was late at night and you were laying in the bed seeing yourself operating on the doctor's table or being a fierce attorney owning the courtroom. Beloved, eye want you to know God is not slack concerning his promises, his arm is not too short that it cannot deliver; neither is his ear too dull that he cannot hear. If eye have learned anything it's you may as well surrender now. When God's hand is on your life. Especially if you have praying parents! If you look up and have nothing left of what you started with, it is plenty for God to do supernatural things with. If you say

yes to him. He promised your parents about you. And the bible says Train up children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6 New International Version). Eye have been crucified with Christ and eye no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life eye now live in the body, eye live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 New International Version) His word says freely we have received, now freely give. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18 New International Version) And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18 New International Version) The Spirit and the bride say, "Come! And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the thirsty one come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. (Revelation 22:17 New International Version) In humility and rest is our salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, you, also like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5 New International Version)